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- 25X1X 1. On 1 August 1950 CHANG Ai-p'ing (張愛萍), Commander of the Chinese Communist East China Naval Area, accompanied eight Soviet advisers (the highest had a rank equivalent to colonel) from Shanghai to Ningpo, then by boat to Tinghai (122-06, 30-03), where they inspected sea approaches, water supply, warehouses, barracks and naval offices. They also inspected the port facilities of Shenchiamen (122-18, 29-58) and Kanlan (phonetic), north of Shenchiamen.
2. The group took two gunboats to Changtu (122-16, 30-16) Island, where a naval port is being constructed in the narrow channel dividing the island. They visited Taishan (122-, 30-), Chintang (121-, 29-) and Puto (122-24, 30-00) Islands and carefully inspected the airfields on Tinghai and Taishan.
3. After the tour ended on 15 August, the group returned to Tinghai, then went to Ningpo on 17 August and to Shanghai.

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